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1. THE EC COMMISSION, ON 28 JULY 1977, FORWARDED TO THE
COUNCIL A NEW COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN ON RADIOACTIVE WASTES.
THIS IS THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF THREE MAJOR NUCLEAR
POLICY PAPERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION IN JULY.

2. THE REPORT TAKES NOTE OF THE ON-GOING COMMISSION
R&D PROGRAMS ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT, BUT
NOTES THAT THERE ARE OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATED TO
WASTE MANAGEMENT THAT NEED COMMUNITY ACTION. SPECIFICALLY,
JURIDICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, AND SAFETY ISSUES
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NOW REQUIRE INCREASED ATTENTION. TO THIS END, THE
COMMISSION PROPOSES A LONG-RANGE (12 YEAR) PLAN OF
ACTION, TO BE REVIEWED EVERY THREE YEARS. THERE ARE
SIX MAIN ELEMENTS:

A. A CONTINUING ANALYSIS AND PROJECTION OF THE
RADIOACTIVE WASTE SITUATION IN THE EC, SO THAT TIMELY

DECISIONS CAN BE MADE BEFORE PROBLEMS ARISE.

B. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY NETWORK OF STORAGE SITES, PARTICULARLY FOR HIGH LEVEL, LONG-LIVED WASTE PRODUCTS.

C. HARMONIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF CRITERIA AND PRACTICES IN WASTE MANAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

D. CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY R&D EFFORT FOR THE DURATION OF THE PLAN. TO THIS END, THE COMMISSION WILL PROPOSE A SECOND FIVE-YEAR R&D PROGRAM PRIOR TO THE END OF 1977. THIS NEW PROGRAM WOULD RUN FROM 1980 TO 1984.

E. STUDY OF WAYS IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY COULD SHARE COSTS OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT EFFORT IN THE EC.

F. PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM.

3. TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN EXECUTING THIS NEW PLAN, IT PROPOSES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION.

4. COPIES OF THE COMMISSION REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED
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